

**To:** McKean, Deborah[mckean.deborah@epa.gov]  
**From:** Faulk, Libby  
**Sent:** Sun 8/9/2015 1:32:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Kayaking during the Animas River catastrophe

Are you driving or flying. When do you get here?

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**From:** McKean, Deborah  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 09, 2015 7:22 AM  
**To:** Faulk, Libby  
**Subject:** RE: Kayaking during the Animas River catastrophe

Sorry. Did not see this until this am.

Where do I meet you today?

The only hotel I could get was in Purgatory.

**From:** Faulk, Libby  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 11:31 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David; Madigan, Andrea  
**Cc:** McKean, Deborah  
**Subject:** FW: Kayaking during the Animas River catastrophe

I'm going to refer him to the Call Center number. Libby

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**From:** Citizen Name/Ex. 6 <mailto:> Personal Email/Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 08, 2015 8:29 PM  
**To:** Faulk, Libby  
**Subject:** Kayaking during the Animas River catastrophe

Hi,

I am one of the three kayakers identified in photo published by the Durango Herald, that is now in the national spotlight, in regards the acid mine release into the Animas. I wanted to voice my concerns to you, and I speak on the behalf of the other two kayakers in the photo, Eric Parker, and Dave Farkas.

We all are concerned with potential health effects down the road, say, in 5-10-20 years. None of us are experiencing any acute symptoms thus far, and I have been in touch with a friend/local emergency department physician about possibilities and probabilities of health concerns. Had we known about what was the cause of discoloration of the river, we surely would not have paddled that day. Only when we reached the take-out eddy, to exit the river, did we find out the real cause, and the photographer informed us of the nature of the problem.

I wanted to start the process of documentation of a formal complaint, to have a record of the incident on file, for future use in regards to potential health problems that may occur.

Thanks,

Dan Steaves